

Number of accessions:	
(a) Revivals,	655
(b) Regular services,	362
Total,	1017
Number lost during the year,	344
Net gain,	673
Number of churches holding services:	
(a) Weekly,	26
(b) Twice a month,	70
(c) Every three weeks,	6
(d) Monthly,	34
Churches reporting no services,	28
Number of S. S. C. E. societies,	96
" " " members,	1833
" " " services held,	1691
Number of Sunday schools:	
(a) Union,	25
(b) Brethren,	115
Total,	140
Number of Young People's Societies,	55

Financial Report

Value of church houses,	\$264982
Parsonages,	14900
Other property,	5040
Total,	284922
Amount paid to pastors,	25893
" " other expenses,	9750
" " District missions,	1769 92
" " General "	801 12
Missionary Offerings,	2571 04
Total,	38214 04
Amount collected by Sunday-schools,	2210 43
" " " Y. P. S. C. E.,	837 21
" " " S. S. C. E.,	3768 51
Total amount of money raised,	45030 55
Number of active pastors,	86
" " elders,	114
" " deacons,	302
" " Mission points,	50

The committee on enrollment made its final report, showing an attendance of 125 delegates, distributed as follows: Ohio, 27; Pennsylvania, 18; Indiana, 57; Illinois, 16; Kanemorado, 5; Md. and Va., 2. Churches represented, 72.

The motion prevailed that the Executive committee be instructed to give the Sunday afternoon session of the next general conference from the calling of the session until four o'clock to temperance work.

C. F. Yoder, upon recommendation of the Y. P. S. C. E., was unanimously elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

A motion prevailed that the Conference recommend all churches and Sunday schools to send or bring a missionary offering to the next General Conference for the General Mission Fund.

Roger E. Darling preached Monday evening.

Thus closed what was regarded by all as the best general conference ever held by the Brethren church.

W. D. FURRY, Sec.

Three Minute Addresses by Delegates During the First Session

Rev. J. M. Tombaugh: I have been absent from Conference for several years but have not lost interest; and so many in attendance at the opening session shows that interest is not lost by any. Our purpose here should be to catch inspiration from each other. I have come that I may be inspired and that I may carry the inspiration back to the churches of Maryland and Virginia. The church is not keeping pace with the progress of the day. We have failed to catch that enthusiasm without which no work can be done. We are the sept of God. It is ours to do his will. What we do is not our own. And God's eye is upon us. Let us plan wisely and well. We may have—let us have God's guidance upon us.

J. Allen Miller: I attended the Winona Bible Conference and I would that the spirit of that Conference—loyalty to God, to his Word and our

work,—might characterize our own Conference. I would that each one of us might heartily appreciate that God has given to each a charge, a sacred charge, and that we must fill it; and that if we fail to do so, it is forever undone. I would also that we might appreciate the grandeur, the nobility of our work. Let us get ourselves just right before God, so that he can use us in his service.

J. C. Cassel: I thank God that he has permitted me to come to this Conference. I feel impressed with the importance of this Conference. We have a great amount of work before us. We have reached a crisis in our church work. Fifty or more churches are without pastors. We must make provision and that speedily to supply this lack of ministers. Conference must devise some ways and means to meet this emergency. If the policy of the church that has been tried for fifteen years has brought us to this, certainly the time has come when a change must be made. Something must be wrong and we must in some way overcome it. There is also a strong pressure for Foreign Missionary work. The church is restless and dissatisfied with our past course. Money has been offered with which to begin the work and young men and women are fitting themselves for this work. Something more aggressive too must be done in our Home work. These facts make annual Conferences a necessity. Would that we might feel the burden of lost souls.

C. F. Yoder: I am glad when Conference comes. It is a joy to make ready for the Conference. This Conference must be a source of much good. We ought to realize the seriousness and the sacredness of the problems before us. God loves the church today as in the past, and is willing to empower us and guide us as in the Apostolic days. We ought to give ourselves to prayer, that a mighty uplift might be ours the coming year. Let us each feel a personal responsibility.

J. C. Mackey: I have been at Conference a number of times. New faces appear but the same persons do the talking. Why may we not hear from the new ones? I bring the greetings of my pastorate and pray the Holy Spirit on this Conference.

J. E. Braker: I pray that the spirit of the Winona Bible Conference may be manifested in our Conference. This is our greatest need. As a church we must needs think more of a deeper spirituality. For this purpose came and instituted the church; and this is end and aim of all church teaching and activity.

C. H. Marks: We may have as great spiritual Conference as any other people. God is no respecter of persons. If we satisfy the conditions the Holy Spirit will be given to us abundantly. We can have it in answer to prayer. Let us pray fervently that we may have a spiritual Conference.

J. H. Knepper: I enjoy what our Brethren say about the Winona Bible Conference and its spirituality. But we are not now attending the same kind of a Conference. We are here to do business. The work of the church now concerns us. We have dry-matter-of-fact affairs to attend to. We must now be business men and women. We must needs do this work well. To do so we must have God's guidance. Let us be both spiritual and business-like.

B. H. Flora: It was good to attend the Bible Conference. It is good also to attend our own Conference. But we must not think that what we receive here is for ourselves alone. We must not only receive but give. We are not to be as sponges. If we have something that is good let us pass it on. Then we will be twice blessed.

W. D. FURRY, Secretary.

The Treasurer's Report

Am't of money received,	\$111 39
Am't of money paid:	
For Conference expenses,	\$96 89
On painting fund	\$14 50
Total,	\$111 39

JOSIAH KEIM, Treasurer.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church

One year ago it was very apparent to some of our Brethren that the time had come for the church as a whole to grapple with the problems incident to the carrying out of the great commission of Jesus. A meeting was called of all those interested in the work of Foreign Missions. As the result the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was organized.

The first meeting was called at the last General Conference. Fifty-five members were enrolled. The executive board was increased from six members to nine members.

At this meeting a letter was read from John A. Miller stating that he would give two-thousand dollars to this work of the church. J. M. Tombaugh and J. C. Cassel were made a committee to confer with Bro. Miller. The Secretary of the society, J. O. Talley will doubtless give a full report of the proceedings of the society. One thing must especially be noticed and which was apparent to all in attendance, that is, the increased missionary spirit that is being manifest thruout the church.

Does it not very much appear that God is leading us in this direction? What means these gifts of money from services unlooked for and unsolicited? What means these young lives that are now offering themselves to the church for work in the Regions beyond? Is it not strange that these two should confront the church at the same time? Surely it is the hand of God! Let us not be slow to believe it! This is the one work of the church of Jesus Christ. The time now seems auspicious and propitious for us as a church to begin it. And the time without the church is no less ripe than within the church. Our generation is one of marvelous opportunity. There is today a crisis in all parts of the unevangelized world. Missionaries everywhere tell us that if the church of today fails to perform her duty, not only will multitudes of the present generation die without knowing Christ but that the future work of evangelizing the world will become much more difficult. May we as a church see that the hour is come to us to begin the Evangelization of the world. We ought to number in our society give hundred names before the close of the current conference year. Let us not forget that this is distinctively God's own enterprise. Jesus Christ will be our leader. God's own word is quick and powerful. Prayer can yet remove mountains. The Holy spirit can convince and convict whole communities, and our Faith is the victory that shall overcome the world.

W. D. FURRY.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Brethren Church

This is the name by which we shall hereafter be known. For years we have been working toward this end. We could see no reason why we should hold ourselves aloof from the common movement of young people and deprive ourselves of the various goods to be had by coming into touch with the world-wide movement. We had respect for the opinions and feelings of others who could not see as we and so the matter was allowed to largely shape its own course. At our recent conference we discussed this question and a committee consisting of Z. T. Livengood, C. F. Yoder and G. W. Rench was appointed to consider the matter and make a report at the next morning's session. The report brought in was that we should become Y. P. S. C. E.'s. and affiliate with the general movement of young people and avail ourselves of such helps as could be secured from this source. The following constitution for our general work was presented and adopted:

1. Name. This society shall be known as The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Brethren Church.